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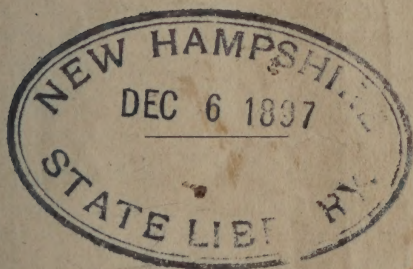
TREASURER AND OTHER TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF BRADFORD

FOR THE

Year ending March 1, 1880.



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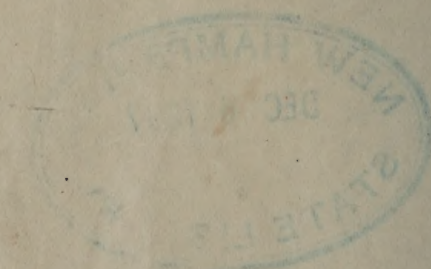
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# REPORT

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## TREASURER OF THE TOWN OF BRADFORD, FOR 1880.

JOHN W. MORSE, Treasurer,  
In account with the Town of Bradford, *Dr.*

1879.

March 1. To cash on hand,	\$1,970 38
Received of selectmen—	
Interest on money,	\$20 07
Jesse Marshall's note,	205 13
C. P. Pike's        “	102 00
T. A. J. Jones's   “	21 04
D. F. Hoyt's       “	11 47
M. C. Bartlett's   “	111 69
W. Thorndike & Co.'s note,	273 16
D. M. Morse, Jr.'s   “	165 14
R. Bates's         “	481 00
Wm. Wilson's       “	311 85
J. & R. Colby's     “	31 12
Bartlett Brothers'   “	101 10
A. B. Blood's       “	101 10
Railroad tax,	301 02
Savings Bank tax,	406 04
Literary fund,	78 44
Rent of pasture, E. Nichols,	15 00
Support of county paupers,	393 63
Use of hearse, J. C. Bailey,	2 00



Hay sold from W. S. Ward farm,	\$63 24
Apples " "	1 40
Rent of pasture "	5 00
School money over-paid, Bixby,	6 21
Hay sold from Jackman place,	8 00
Use of town hall,	6 00
E. H. Eaton, on 1879 taxes,	6,407 02
" interest "	6 29
Rent pasture of J. M. Hoyt,	3 00
Land redeemed by G. C. Sargent,	11 50
Sales of lots in P. H. Cemetery, 1878,	9 50
Interest on money loaned,	10 51
Total amount received for the year,	\$11,640 05

JOHN W. MORSE, Treasurer,

In account with the Town of Bradford, Cr.

1879.

March	By cash paid out to—	
1.	Edmund J. Ring, auditor,	\$1 00
	C. P. Pike, money loaned,	100 00
8.	Sereno Newton, breaking road,	3 25
10.	G. L. Mitchell, H. & F.'s bill of town reports,	29 25
12.	John W. Morse, for 5 bonds, Nos. 141 to 145,	520 92
17.	E. M. Fifield, expense of A. Cheney and child,	13 50
20.	J. W. Morse, for 1 bond, No. 223,	52 16
25.	B. W. Sanborn, General Laws,	5 00
26.	E. H. Eaton, books and stationery,	17 70
29.	Job Atkins, expense of Bumford children,	12 00
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		\$754 78

April

4.	H. C. Brockway, breaking road,	\$11 00
5.	N. A. Knight, breaking and repairing road,	5 50
	Charles F. Davis, supervisor,	6 00
7.	Jona. Peaslee, killing 4 foxes,	2 00
	Mason Putney, sawing for Atwood,	4 00
12.	Jona. Peaslee, damage to sheep by dogs,	3 00
	N. A. Knight, breaking road,	6 00
14.	Israel Andrew, " "	6 29
	J. H. Martin, certificate of deaths and births,	5 00
15.	J. O. Nichols, breaking road,	5 00

April, 1879.

16.	Sullivan G. Stevens, breaking road,	\$7 20
	Wm. D. Wilson, money loaned by town,	300 00
	D. U. Sawyer, breaking road,	12 54
	Silas Sawtell, supervisor,	6 00
17.	E. M. Fifield, expense A. Cheney and child,	15 00
19.	H. K. Martin, supervisor,	6 00
21.	School district No. 1, money loaned by town,	32 50
	A. S. Howlett, potatoes for C. B. Wyman,	3 00
	H. Jackman, house-rent for M. Putney,	20 00
24.	H. F. Presby, breaking road,	16 28
25.	Albert Sargent, " "	8 15
29.	O. D. Cram, " "	20 04
30.	J. O. Nichols, " "	9 87
	John W. Morse, town bond No. 146,	104 75

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\$615 12

May

1.	Horace Hale, breaking road,	\$1 00
2.	A. W. Rowe, wood for M. V. B. Davis,	2 50
	" " J. Atwood,	12 00
5.	F. H. Patch, damage to wagon,	1 50
6.	W. G. Roach, groceries for W. S. Ward, 1878,	4 00
10.	James Cressy, repairing road,	4 00
13.	George T. Dunfield, " "	2 75
16.	Jackson Dowlin, breaking and repairing road,	8 75
20.	E. M. Fifield, expense of A. Cheney and child,	15 00
22.	W. Thorndike & Co., money loaned by town,	300 00
27.	P. B. Richards, doctoring C. B. Wyman's wife,	2 75
	" repairing road,	4 80
29.	John Colby,	31 00
30.	George L. Mitchell, knife for R. machine,	7 65
31.	Job Atkins, expense of Bumford children,	15 50
	B. W. Sanborn, stationery,	3 37
	J. Madison Colby, over-tax,	2 00

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\$418 57

June

2.	N. A. Knight, school money,	\$15 00
4.	M. C. Bartlett, board A. S. Howlett,	6 00
	" " C. P. Pike,	18 25
5.	Timothy Morse, school money,	27 78
	P. D. Ward, " "	23 35



## June, 1879.

9.	A. S. Howlett, potatoes for C. B. Wyman,	\$3 50
12.	Hiram Nichols, school money,	30 00
13.	Prescott Colby, work on the road,	15 07
14.	G. S. Morgan, building 2 bridges,	32 62
	M. E. Smith, expense of J. M. Presby's child,	21 00
16.	A. S. Howlett, cash, and labor on road,	7 62
	Jackson Dowlin, labor and repairing road,	5 81
18.	H. M. Dow, school money,	38 00
20.	S. P. Ward, labor and plank on bridge,	2 65
20.	S. P. Ward, school money,	12 96
21.	Mason Putney, repair road,	5 00
	Jackson Dowlin, support of Mary Stiles,	30 00
24.	P. B. Richards, doctoring D. C. Hoyt,	21 50
	E. M. Fifield, expense A. Cheney and child,	15 00
25.	Mason Putney, repair road,	2 00
	Ethan Piper, " "	4 00
26.	E. H. Hadley, school money,	100 00
27.	W. A. Carr, over-tax,	27 30
	J. W. Morse, " "	26 76
28.	P. B. Richards, doctoring C. B. Wyman,	3 00
	" " Mason Putney,	3 00
	B. F. Putney, repair road,	14 40
	Selectmen, for building Massasecum bridge,	91 97
30.	Wm. O. Heath, repair road,	3 25
	E. G. Hoyt, stone for bridge,	3 90

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 \$610 69

## July.

2.	H. M. Craige, repair road,	\$19 20
	O. D. Cram, " and bridge,	1 88
3.	Jesse Marshall, money loaned by town,	150 00
9.	J. Y. Mugridge, legal counsel,	4 20
	E. H. Eaton, stationery,	2 30
21.	Selectmen, balance for Mass'cum bridge,	21 49
23.	E. M. Fifield, expense of A. Cheney and child,	12 00

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 \$211 07

## Aug.

1.	A. S. Cressy, repair bridge,	\$12 75
2.	Job Atkins, expense of Bumford children,	13 50
4.	W. A. Carr, over-tax,	3 78



Aug., 1879.

6.	Charles Gillis, for manure. W. Ward farm,	\$5 00
8.	M. H. Felt, surgical aid to D. C. Hoyt,	13 00
23.	A. S. Howlett, supplies for W. S. Ward,	13 80
	C. A. Cressy, expense of M. Millen,	40 50
27.	E. M. Fifield, " A. Cheney and child,	15 00
28.	James M. Hoyt, repair road,	28 50
30.	D. F. Hoyt, cutting bushes and repair road,	10 00
	Geo. Nichols, "	6 00
	Mason Putney, cutting bushes,	4 00

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\$165 83

Sept.

6.	D. F. Muzzey, care of T. B. Palmer,	\$10 48
	N. A. Knight, expense of D. C. Hoyt,	31 50
8.	Sharon Jameson, repair bridge,	4 50
12.	D. F. Hoyt, cutting bushes,	3 00
	Mason Putney, " and repair road,	5 00
13.	J. F. Buswell, clothing for W. S. Ward,	2 50
	John W. Morse, for county tax,	1,348 14
17.	J. B. Sanborn, stationery,	2 25
18.	G. W. Tucker, lumber for bridge,	36 75
23.	L. M. Rowe, over-tax,	2 56
24.	E. M. Fifield, expense of A. Cheney and child,	12 00
25.	John Howlett, repair road and cutting bushes,	3 15
26.	Mason Putney, "	7 50
27.	C. P. Pike, cash paid out for town,	3 18
	A. S. Howlett, cash paid and repair road,	11 75
	Albert Sargent, cutting bushes,	5 00
	" damage sheep by dogs,	5 00
	R. C. Colby, "	2 00
	C. P. Pike, journeys to Concord and Newport,	10 75
30.	Squire Chase, expense G. A. Abbott,	23 60

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\$1,530 61

Oct.

1.	Frank B. Bagley, repair road,	\$1 40
4.	E. H. Eaton, services as collector,	50 00
	Town of Bradford, amount of tax,	6 60
	Job Atkins, expense Bumford children,	16 50
6.	L. H. True, repair bridge,	2 10

Oct., 1879.

7.	D. F. Muzzey, case of T. B. Palmer,	\$19 50
21.	Henry Bixby, school money,	38 85
24.	E. M. Fifield, expense of A. Cheney and child,	18 00
25.	J. W. Morse, town bond No. 38,	107 37
29.	E. H. Hadley, school money,	119 69
	“ school-house repairs,	118 46
	H. F. Presby, school money,	26 75
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		\$525 22

Nov.

1.	J. W. Morse, for coupons town bonds,	\$1,750 61
	“ town bonds, Nos. 53 and 208,	151 50
	C. M. Newman, repairs road machine,	4 57
	D. R. Marshall, goods furnished Bumford children,	2 01
	D. R. Marshall, goods, Mason Putney,	8 13
	“ “ M. V. B. Davis,	1 70
	“ “ W. S. Ward and N. Sargent,	18 94
4.	Robert Colby, school money,	2 64
6.	H. M. Carr, lumber for bridge,	3 64
	T. N. Goodale, perambulating town line,	2 50
	Mason Putney, cutting bushes,	3 37
	“ banking house for Atwood,	50
	C. F. Davis, cutting bushes,	2 00
	“ 10 cords of wood for W. S. Ward,	25 00
14.	Mrs. M. E. Smith, expense of J. M. Presby's child,	16 50
	Mason Putney, cutting bushes,	2 50
15.	S. P. Ward, repair bridge,	2 28
21.	Jackson Dowlin, cutting bushes,	2 50
27.	C. M. Fletcher, attending A. Cheney's funeral,	2 00
	E. M. Fifield, expense of A. Cheney and child,	15 00
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Dec.

11.	Job Atkins. expense Bumford children,	\$13 50
12.	J. W. Morse, state tax, for 1879,	1,912 00
15.	Wm. Trow, pork for Dolly Dudley,	11 64
	“ “ J. Atwood,	11 16
16.	Edmund Burke, legal counsel,	5 00



Dec., 1879.

16.	P. D. Ward, school money,	\$38 85
17.	W. G. Hoyt, beef for Asa Maxfield,	5 55
	Wm. G. Hoyt, beef for J. Atwood,	5 20
18.	Mason Putney, cutting bushes,	1 50
	Israel Andrew, beef for W. S. Ward,	3 48
23.	Blood & French, bridge stringer,	2 32
29.	Sarah L. Dunfield, school-money,	43 85
31.	N. H. Insane Asylum, expense of T. B. Palmer,	62 95
	Timothy Morse, school-money,	39 82

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 \$1,256 82

Jan., 1880.

1.	S. P. Ward, school-money,	\$25 93
	H. M. Dow, " "	56 94
	N. A. Knight, " "	27 78
5.	Fred. H. Gould, legal counsel,	1 50
7.	Rozilla Jameson, pork for W. S. Ward,	12 00
8.	J. Greely, Jr., goods for A. Cheney and child,	11 52
	J. R. Smiley, doctoring " "	35 00
	E. M. Fifield, expense for " "	6 00
9.	M. R. Hoyt, damage to himself and sleigh,	3 00
17.	D. G. Peaslee, school-money,	31 88
20.	L. B. Wood, meal for C. B. Wyman,	1 25
	C. P. Pike, beef for M. Sculley,	3 65
	" journey to Concord and Rosewren,	8 54
	" keeping cow for M. Putney,	2 64
24.	Hiram Nichols, school-money,	42 70
26.	Marshall Eaton, painting guide-boards,	3 93
	Robert Colby, school-money,	2 29
28.	Mason Putney, sawing and housing wood for Atwood,	3 00
29.	Alburton Peaslee, beef for M. V. B. Davis,	3 73
30.	A. S. Howlett, cash paid for town,	2 66
31.	C. P. Pike, supplies for J. Atwood,	1 57
	Job Atkins, expense for Bumford children,	7 00
	W. A. Carr, goods for D. F. Hoyt,	10 04
	" " M. V. B. Davis,	2 75
	J. W. Morse, goods for J. Atwood,	21 82
	" " M. V. B. Davis,	12 22
	" " Dolly Dudley,	26 37
	" " D. Bumford children,	7 40

Jan., 1880.

31.	Jackson Dowlin, expense of M. C. Stiles,	\$48 00
	A. P. Colby, wood for J. Atwood,	9 00
	J. H. Martin, doctoring M. V. B. Davis,	16 50
	“ “ D. F. Hoyt,	5 25
	“ “ J. Atwood,	2 00
	“ “ Asa Maxfield,	5 25
	L. B. Wood, meal for D. F. Hoyt,	1 35
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		\$462 49

February.

6.	S. M. Welch, certificate of insanity of T. B. Palmer,	2 50
7.	Hannah J. Ward, milk and work for W. S. Ward,	5 30
	Silas Colby, goods for J. Atwood,	30
	A. B. Jenney, goods for D. F. Hoyt,	64
	A. W. Rowe, wood for J. Atwood,	3 00
	“ repairing road,	6 65
	J. M. Hoyt, “	7 00
	L. B. Wood, meal for D. F. Hoyt,	65
11.	J. W. Sanborn, stationery,	1 80
14.	G. W. Ewins, bridge stringers,	10 00
	Trueworthy Piper, expense of Willie G. Hart,	40 00
	J. C. Bailey, watering-trough,	3 00
	“ casket and box for A. Cheney,	15 50
	“ guide-boards and schedule of bridge,	7 20
	A. S. Howlett, goods for W. S. Ward,	21 41
	W. B. Fifield, repairing road,	1 50
	G. W. Tucker, lumber for bridge,	12 72
	Silas Colby, goods for W. S. Ward,	6 99
	D. U. Sawyer, repairing road,	2 80
	W. A. Carr, goods for W. S. Ward,	9 78
	Fred Cheney, cutting bushes and repairing road,	10 00
	Mary E. Smith, expense of J. M. Presby's child,	11 25
	J. H. Martin, doctoring T. B. Palmer,	2 00
	“ “ C. B. Wyman's family,	20 50
	“ “ Mrs. Mason Putney,	8 75
20.	E. H. Hadley, school-money,	226 79
21.	C. B. Osgood, services as town-clerk,	47 39
	H. M. Craige, repairing road,	2 81



Feb., 1880.

21.	Squire Chase, expense of G. A. Abbott,	\$15 65
	T. A. J. Jones, repairing bridge,	5 15
	D. G. Peaslee, watering-trough,	2 00
	E. M. Fifield, expense of L. E. Cheney,	7 50
26.	W. A. Carr, goods for M. Sculley,	1 30
	“ stationery,	4 58
	Charles Gillis, board of A. S. Howlett,	3 00
	Malinda Palmer, board of D. Muzzey,	7 50
	Elbridge Pepper, services as S. S. committee,	50 00
	J. W. Morse, services as treasurer,	40 00
	“ goods for C. B. Wyman,	4 74
	“ “ John Withington,	6 31
	“ “ Mason Putney,	5 67
	“ “ M. Sculley,	3 88
	“ “ nails for bridge,	1 37
	“ “ 4 bonds,—Nos. 165, 166, 167, and 168,	407 00
	Silas Colby, board of A. S. Howlett's horse,	3 00
	A. S. Goodwin, repairing bridge,	3 75
	Charles Gillis, board of selectmen,	12 50
27.	George C. Sargent, snowing bridge,	3 50
	E. H. Eaton, discount on taxes,	53 08
	“ balance on collecting taxes,	25 00
	“ non-resident highway receipts,	21 25
	“ abatements,—1878 and 1879,	18 65
	C. P. Pike, services as selectman,	137 56
	Ruloph Bates, “	93 75
	A. S. Howlett, “	117 30
	Eben Cheney, watering-trough,	2 00
	Sharon Jameson, digging grave for A. Cheney,	3 00
	M. C. Bartlett, board of selectmen,	8 50
Total amount paid out for the year,		\$10,125 81
28.	Cash on hand in the treasury,	1,514 24
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JOHN W. MORSE, *Treasurer.*

Your committee have examined the several items of receipts, coupons, and expenditures embraced in the foregoing report of the treasurer, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

H. K. MARTIN,

E. J. RING,

*Auditing Committee.*

Bradford, Feb. 28, 1880.



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### *Liabilities of the Town March 1, 1880.*

Total bonded debt of the town,	\$28,200 00
Interest on bonds to date,	564 00
Outstanding orders estimated at	85 00
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	\$28,849 00

### *Assets.*

Cash in hands of treasurer,	\$1,514 24
Taxes uncollected on T. P. Jones's books of 1870,	96 96
"                                    "                    1871,	206 78
"                                    "                    1872,	33 51
Due on Hannah Stevens's note,	309 35
Amount deposited in Kearsarge Savings Bank,	441 31
"                    Manchester Savings Bank,	636 00
"                    N. H. Savings Bank,	530 41
Amount due on Merrimack county note,	874 30
"            T. A. J. Jones's note,	39 03
"            Jesse Marshall's note,	155 95
"            J. G. Peaslee's note,	159 45
Deed of pasture land,	300 00
R. Bixby land and Conn place,	30 00
Due from Geo. Hart's estate, for the support of Willie G. Hart,	211 00
Due on Thorndike and Gould's note,	35 05
"            Union School District No. 1 note,	34 18
"            from Edwin Nichols, for use of pasture,	12 00

1 rock machine,	\$25 00
Hearse and hearse-house,	600 00
Town hall and fixtures,	800 00
1 road machine,	125 00
Due on notes considered doubtful,	146 50
Due from U. S. government, "	1,870 00

Amounting to the sum of \$9,186 02

Which being deducted from the above amount of liabilities leaves the town indebted in the sum of \$19,662 98

Deducting the above liabilities from the liabilities of March 1, 1879, shows a reduction of the town debt the past year of \$360 73

CHARLES P. PIKE,  
RULOPH BATES,  
ALMON S. HOWLETT,

*Selectmen of Bradford.*

Your committee have examined the books of the selectmen for the past year, and find them in good order; have compared their vouchers, cast their figures, and find them correct.

H. K. MARTIN,  
E. J. RING,

*Auditing Committee.*

Bradford, March 1, 1880.



## SCHOOL REPORT.

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In this customary report, it may be proper to state that there are in town nine entire and two fractional districts, owning in whole and in part twelve school-rooms. These rooms, except in No. 1, are large enough for present purposes. No. 1 needs for its attendance a few additional feet in front, so as to increase its floor room for guest and recitation seats, to give more volume of air, and for the better working of the school. The room in No. 11 would be greatly improved by introducing modern desks. Board blinds, for No. 10, to fasten upon the inside, might protect its windows. For nearly all these rooms, a few dollars in paper and paint, rendering them more cheerful and homelike, would give a better return, in educational results, than twice the amount expended in third rate teaching. These rooms all have blackboards, one a globe, none outline maps, and few, if any, a complete set of text-books for the teacher's desk.

Greater uniformity in books than exists, by retaining those most in use, if the best, and having others out, is desirable. Frequent change fruits in annoyance, confusion, and expense. The greatest improvement in any book is a live, competent teacher, in place of a dullard. Books like Monroe's Readers, Greenleaf's Mathematics, Harpers' Geographies, Swinton's Grammar, and Wilson's Spellers, ought to prove effective for years to come.

Five male and ten female teachers have served during the year, eight with no previous, ten with more or less, experience in teaching. No one of these had attended a normal school. Three were reëmployed in the same school for a second term. Others, with an equal measure of success, might have been.

These teachers have had under their care, of those living in town, one hundred and nine-five different pupils, of whom one

hundred and forty-nine were between five and fifteen years of age, four less than five, and thirty above sixteen. Most of these have made good improvement. One hundred and eighteen non-absent credits are made.

All attempts at correctness in money matters have failed. No one of the register reports is consistent with itself.

By especial request, the prudential committee of District No. 5 has supplied, in place of "nothing," as given, the following: "Received of town treasurer, \$26.75; from Henniker, \$14.52; contributed, \$1.06. Paid for teaching and board, \$40; for miscellaneous expenses, \$1.95." This account will balance. If other committees will provide the like, accounting for every cent received and paid out, a truthful report can be made. Such the state superintendent exacts. From want of reliable figures, a full financial statement fails to appear in the statistical table.

The selectmen report our town school tax to be \$885.50; Literary fund, \$77.70. From register reports, there has been contributed in board, and otherwise raised, enough to make the total \$1,075.00, not including appropriations from Newbury and Warner.

In order to induce teachers and pupils to give special attention to reading, honorable mention in this report was promised to that scholar making most improvement during the term, in this most difficult and desirable part of one's education. This appears in connection with the credit-roll of attendance given in the following separate district reports.

#### DISTRICT NO. 1.

Horace M. Dow, Prudential Committee.

Emma Bell Colby, an experienced teacher, was employed for the summer term. With thirty-two pupils to instruct and keep in order, many of whom were young and not far advanced, Miss Colby was compelled to well earn her wages, and deserves due credit for her faithful service.

Charles W. Ward succeeding to the winter term, became teacher of the largest school in town, ten of whose thirty-nine pupils were fifteen years or more of age. The closing examination

showed good work. Martin A. Davis was named for improvement in reading.

Not absent for the year : Bertha J. Cressey, Lilla M. Dow, and Nellie J. Sargent;—for the first term : Mary Smyth, Josie S. Smyth, Georgie A. Dow, May B. Dow, Mary G. True, Annie F. Smyth, Abbie J. Hoyt, Mary J. Sawyer, Etta A. Hoyt, Hiram Hoyt, George A. Cressey, Bertie J. Hall, John W. Cressey ;—second term : Bell B. True, Merrill True, and Scott Hall.

#### DISTRICT No. 2.

Prudential Committee, Hiram Nichols.

Fannie G. French taught the summer term. She gave good satisfaction, and is highly approved.

Willie M. Knowlton was hired for the winter, which was his first experience in teaching. This school was good for the entire year. Its closing exercises were appropriate and interesting, the concert reading being especially good. For improvement in reading, Fannie A. Moon and Addie M. Sawyer are named. For non-absence during both terms : Emily R. Moon and Fannie A. Moon ;—in summer : Ella C. Smith, Minnie K. Nichols, Susie M. Moon, and Bertie A. Nichols ;—in winter : Gilman S. Nichols and Addie M. Sawyer.

#### DISTRICT No. 4.

Proctor D. Ward, Committee.

Belle E. Davis was hired for both terms. It was her first attempt at teaching. This school, in reading, gave highest promise at the opening of the year. Its first class used a U. S. History instead of a suitable reader,—*i. e.*, attempted to do its harrowing with a plow. The last term closed with a token to the teacher of her pupils' friendly feeling.

Sarah M. Cheney is credited in reading. For non-absence : Emma E. Piper for the year ; Sarah M. Cheney, Isora M. Colby, Ida C. Davis, Eliza J. Ward, Arthur W. Davis, Willie S. Hart, in summer, and Fred O. Howlett for the fall term.

#### DISTRICT No. 5.

Henry Presby, Prudential Committee.

This school, taught by Emma Bell Colby, had but one (a fall)



term of eight weeks, and was our shortest school of the year, yet not least in results. Life, order, correctness, and good feeling characterized the closing examination. Large credit is due to both teacher and pupils. Nellie F. Ward is named in reading; Flora W. Colby, Frank H. Ward, and Lula E. Presby for non-absence.

#### DISTRICT No. 6.

Timothy Morse, Committee.

Louisa L. Eaton, a teacher of last year in this school, and so at home and able to go on with least loss of time, taught the summer term with praiseworthy results.

Willie N. Davis succeeded her in his first attempt at teaching, and with general approval. Maud F. Forsaith and William Lawson take the honors in reading;—in non-absences for the year: Edmund Forsaith, Mary E. Morse, and Mary B. Cofran;—for the summer: Ardell Eaton, Anah Gillingham, Lydia H. Ring, Mary A. Wells, Maud F. Forsaith, and Charles Wells;—for the winter: Frank P. Craig, Henry A. Colby, Joseph H. Trow, and Alberton N. Trow.

#### DISTRICT No. 7.

Nathan A. Knight, Committee.

Clara Page and Ardell Eaton earned here their first laurels in teaching, the one in the shortest, the other in the longest term of the year. The improvement during the summer school of twenty-one days, especially in reading, was a surprise to all. Miss Eaton showed energy and a determination to succeed which rarely fail. Fred G. Holt and Fannie E. Craig are named in reading; and Walter H. Craig, Fred G. Holt, and Fannie E. Craig for non-absence during the first term.

#### DISTRICT No. 8.

Samuel P. Ward, Bradford Committee.

This is a fractional district, in which Warner has much the larger interest. Bertha F. Pierce was hired by our committee for the summer term, and proved a success. A want of experience was more than compensated by her superior scholarship, her enthusiasm, and especial gift for imparting instruction. She won

the love of all, and secured for herself a wider, broader field of service.

George Q. Pattee taught the winter term with acceptance and success. Only three names in this school are credited to Bradford. Warner takes the honors,—Grace Spaulding and Burton Bagley in reading.

#### DISTRICT No. 10.

Henry Bixby, Committee.

Addie F. Bixby, teacher. This school is like to the reputed short horse, it having but two pupils. Eddie F. Hoyt is credited in reading.

#### DISTRICT No. 11.

Mrs. Sarah L. Dunfield, Committee.

Clara J. Nichols, teacher. This school registered four pupils. It was Miss Nichols's first term in teaching, but showed that her services are to be in demand. Fred W. Dunfield is named in reading.

#### DISTRICT No. 12.

Daniel E. Peaslee, Bradford Committee.

This is our second fractional district, in which Bradford and Newbury about equally share. H. M. Eaton, an approved teacher, added to other excellences of her school vocal music, which ought to be taught in more of our schools.

Mary J. Eaton, a former teacher, and in high esteem, was employed for the winter. She well sustained her reputation. The year's improvement in this school was especially marked. Guy Barnard and John L. Flanders are credited in reading; for non-absence during the year, Nettie A. Hoyt, Minnie B. Peaslee, Fred G. Hoyt, Charles Flanders, John L. Flanders; in summer, Olla Eaton, Ardell Eaton, Carrie A. Hoyt, Laura A. Flanders; in winter, Emily A. Peaslee.

Herewith is submitted the report of Union District No. 1, by its especial committee; also, a statistical table, some of whose figures may require your grain of salt.

E. PEPPER,

*S. S. Committee.*

## UNION DISTRICT No. 1.

Prudential Committee, E. H. Hadley, J. H. Blaisdell, E. J. Ring.

Primary Department, summer term, taught by Miss Addie I. Butman. This being Miss Butman's first term, she lacked experience, but gained the good-will of her scholars.

The fall and winter terms were taught by Miss Bertha F. Pierce. Miss Pierce is "apt to teach." No efforts of hers were spared to make her schools a success. Her scholars made thorough advancement in their studies. Scholars in this school are not so respectful and obedient as they should be; but we would have the parents equal burden-bearers. That sympathy is mistaken, which interferes with the dignity of the school-room; that love a misplaced affection, which listens to the whims of our children when it conflicts with the authority of their instructors.

*Roll of Honor.* Progress in reading, Jennie Sargent, George A. Blaisdell; non-absence during two terms, Belle R. Gillis, Carrie Hadley, Emma B. Felch; during one term, Mary E. Sargent, Willie McKimm, Annie Rowe, Dora Rowe, Willie Maney, Charlie Abbott, Walter Abbott, Fred. G. Hadley, Mabel Roby, George Perkins, John Emerson.

Grammar Department. Summer and fall terms were taught by Miss Mary E. Whittemore. Highly qualified for the work, ambitious and thorough, taking pains to interest the scholars in every branch, her schools were prosperous and progressive. The universal satisfaction which her labors produced is a sufficient guaranty of her ability. We think the examination of the fall term the most thorough and satisfactory we ever attended in this school. It showed the wisdom of employing this teacher a second term. We hope her services in this school may be secured for the coming year.

Winter term taught by the veteran teacher, Stephen S. Bean. On examination day Mr. Bean's schools always speak for themselves. Marked evidence of improvement was seen in many of the scholars. A few are impatient of restraint, and, we regret to add, seem to take more pleasure in annoying the teacher and disturbing the school, than in benefiting themselves by study. We fear a dark spot in the future for them.



## ROLL OF HONOR.

For progress in reading, Julia Mussey; for non-absence during three terms, Clarabelle Bates, and Effie Johnson; two, Belle Bartlett; one, Bertha Eaton, Carrie M. Gould, Emma Hopkins, and Nellie Coburn.

In conclusion, permit your committee to state that we cannot approve of admitting scholars from out the district into our schools. Our boys who cannot attend school save in winter need extra time, and this cannot be given them if we have more scholars than our own. Too much time is lost in absences and tardiness. No one but the teacher knows the derangement and general mischief from these faults. Parents, see to it that your children are promptly on time and attend school every day, and provide needed books. A multiplicity of text-books has made it difficult to classify the scholars, but we have in a measure succeeded; and we think, as a whole, our schools never ranked higher than to-day.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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